State Water Resources Control Board



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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Utility Wildfire General Order

On March 28, 2025, the State Water Board released the Draft Utility Wildfire and Similar Operations and Maintenance Activities Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements General Order (General Order) for an additional 30-day public review and comment period, ending on April 29, 2025. Senate Bill 901 (Dodd, 2018) requires utility companies to prepare wildfire prevention plans, including vegetation management plans along utility corridors. Staff is developing a permit for electric utilities that conduct wildfire mitigation and electric operations and maintenance activities with the potential to affect waters of the state. On June 28, 2024, staff released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and General Order and the State Water Board held a hearing to accept oral comments August 20, 2024. More information on the Utility Wildfire General Order is available on the State Water Board's 401 Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Program website. The anticipated date for State Water Board consideration of adoption is Fall 2025.

Annual Report of the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures

On March 21, 2025, the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures (SACCWIS), which advises the State Water Board on implementation of the Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (Once-Through Cooling or OTC Policy), convened and approved the 2025 Report of the SACCWIS. The SACCWIS provides a summary of the State of California's current electrical grid reliability needs in the report. *The SACCWIS does not recommend any power plant compliance date extensions at this time.* SACCWIS representatives will present the 2025 Report of the SACCWIS at the June 17, 2025 State Water Board meeting. More information on the SACCWIS is available on the State Water Boards's SACCWIS website.

Interagency Memorandum of Understanding on the Acceptance and Use of Once-Through Cooling Interim Mitigation Funds

On June 3, 2025, State Water Board, Ocean Protection Council, and State Coastal Conservancy staff will provide an information item to the State Water Board on revisions to an Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Acceptance and Use of Interim Mitigation Funds for the Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (Once-Through Cooling or OTC Policy). The revisions will ensure the continued effective allocation and use of interim mitigation funds. The revisions will also help improve efforts to engage and receive input from tribes, environmental justice groups, and other interested persons. The State Water Board will release a Fact Sheet summarizing the revisions to the MOU on

May 19, 2025, and will accept informal public feedback through June 21, 2025. More information is available on the State Water Board's Interim Mitigation Measures website.

Ocean Desalination

State Water Board staff attended a press event on March 21 hosted by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, who is partnering with OceanWell on a new deep-sea ocean desalination technology. The new technology uses hydrostatic pressure found at depths of 400 meters below sea level to drive the desalination process through 40-foot-long pods. OceanWell will be piloting the system in the Las Virgenes Reservoir to evaluate whether the technology uses less energy and has fewer environmental impacts than traditional onshore ocean desalination. The plan envisions building water farms several miles off the coast of Malibu in 2028. OceanWell offered a meeting April 15 with representatives from State Water Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Lands Commission, California Coastal Commission and US EPA to answer questions about the technology.

Public Meeting for Proposed Identification of East Orosi Community Services District (CSD) as a Designated Sewer System

Under the Water Code, a "designated sewer system" is a "sewer service provider that serves a disadvantaged community that is either an inadequate sewer service or a sewer system that has a demonstrated history of failure to maintain technical, managerial, or financial capacity to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse." (Water Code section 13288, subdivision (f)). In its February 21, 2025 letter to East Orosi Community Services District (East Orosi CSD), the State Water Board identified factors that support finding that East Orosi CSD is a designated sewer system and proposed to use its authority in Water Code section 13289.5 (added through Assembly Bill (AB) No. 805) to appoint Tulare County Resource Management Agency as a sewer system administrator (as outlined in the State Water Board's Administrator Policy Handbook) to help resolve East Orosi CSD's failures to provide adequate sewer service and other deficiencies.

On April 17, 2025, State Water Board staff presented the proposed identification of East Orosi CSD as a designated sewer system in need of an administrator and identified a proposed sewer system administrator for the East Orosi CSD at a Public Meeting held in East Orosi, California. State Water Board staff presented information and provided an opportunity for the public to provide comments on and ask questions about the following topics:

- Basis for the proposed identification of East Orosi CSD as a designated sewer system,
- Purpose and role of a sewer system administrator, and
- Proposed administrator qualifications, conflicts of interest, and scope of work.

As part of the sewer system administrator outreach efforts, members of the public, including representatives of East Orosi CSD, affected ratepayers, renters, and property owners, can submit written questions and comments on these topics through May 7, 2025. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's Sewer System Administrators website.

Statewide Wastewater Needs Assessment

On April 25, 2025, State Water Board staff provided support for the fourth Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Advisory Group quarterly meeting. The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) – Luskin Center for Innovation (primary investigator), Sacramento State – Office of Water Programs, University of California – Agriculture and Natural Resources, and University of Massachusetts – Amherst (collectively the WWNA Team) provided information to the WWNA Advisory Group to advise the WWNA Team on project tasks including the framework for identifying inadequate wastewater treatment facilities and onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), and assessing groundwater impacts. The WWNA Team works closely with internal and external interested parties on the WWNA implementation. For updates, please visit the State Water Board's WWNA website and sign up for the WWNA Gov Delivery Bulletin. Please direct questions to: wwna@waterboards.ca.gov and to wwna@luskin.ucla.edu.

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update: The Irrigated Lands Regulatory reports are included in Appendix A of this report.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY - DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Water Rights Modernization (Action 4.3)

Telemetry Pilot Project

Staff are on track to execute a \$12 million A&E contract by May 2, 2025 for procurement, installation, and operation of telemetered water monitoring equipment in and near the Russian River watershed (a.k.a., Russian River Telemetry Study). Staff will work closely with a primary contractor and 3 sub-contractors to perform the water monitoring, data telemetry and ingestion, and data management from now till end 2027. Staff will engage in outreach efforts, offer one-on-one meetings, and work with volunteers to identify telemetry locations, enter into contracts in May to allow staff and the field contractor to access monitoring sites and begin installation and other technical work. Staff will also engage in targeted outreach beginning in May to landowners of Russian River sites identified by previous outreach efforts. Staff will offer one-on-one meetings to address comments and questions about volunteering for the Russian River Telemetry Study.

Our contractor, CA Water Data Consortium, is forming a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to develop recommendations for scaling telemetry to statewide implementation. The TAC is composed of 25 members representing diverse parties and priorities. The first meeting of the TAC is April 16, 2025. The Consortium will run the meeting, and staff will give a short presentation.

Supply & Demand Assessment

Division of Water Rights staff continue to develop water supply models, water demand data sets, and water allocation tools for selected watersheds across California. Staff are actively engaging with agencies, partners, water users, and other interested parties to educate them on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program and the models and tools being developed. Staff have developed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding together with staff from Napa County and the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency; the proposed MOU describes data sharing, technical collaborations, and coordinated model development to be completed. Additionally, during the past month, staff met with the Gualala River Watershed Council (March 18, 2025) and the Russian River Water Sharing Program (April 8, 2025).

DIVISON OF WATER RIGHTS

Drought-related Items

Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds: On January 7, 2025, the State Water Board readopted an emergency regulation for the Scott and Shasta River Watersheds. The Office of Administrative Law approved the emergency regulation on January 27, 2025, and is in effect for one year.

- <u>Curtailments.</u> Curtailments in the Scott River watershed and the Shasta River
 watershed are suspended and flows in both watersheds are above the respective
 minimum flow requirements. Staff are closely monitoring conditions in both
 watersheds and will share updates via the Board's Scott River and Shasta River
 watersheds webpage and the Board's "Scott-Shasta Drought" email list. The
 seasonal conditions on surface water diversions for inefficient livestock watering
 ended March 31st.
- <u>Local Cooperative Solutions.</u> Proposals for groundwater local cooperative solutions were due April 15, 2025. 34 proposals, covering approximately 10,000 acres, were submitted by the deadline and will be posted to the Board's Scott-Shasta Drought webpage.

Permitting and Enforcement Branch

Water Right Petitions: Between January 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025, the Division of Water Rights completed 3 petitions. See table below for more details of the completed petitions.

Primary	Application	Petition	Date	Brief Description
Owner	ID	Type	Completed	
YUBA	A005632	Temporary	01/28/2025	Approved the temporary
COUNTY		Transfer		transfer of 25,000 AF to
WATER				Contra Costa Water District
AGENCY				through 12/31/2025.
ALAMEDA	A017002	Extension	02/04/2025	Permittee requested
COUNTY		of Time		withdrawal of the petition for
FC & WCD				extension of time as request
(ZONE 7)				is superseded by petitions
				submitted on 06/11/2024.
CITY OF	WW0113	Wastewater	03/20/2025	Approved the wastewater
VENTURA				change petition to reduce
				tertiary treated wastewater to
				the Santa Clara River
				Estuary.

Water Quality Certification, Cannabis, Data Modernization, Water Supply & Demand, Instream Flows, Administrative, and Reporting Branch

Water Quality Certification

Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project: On April 3, 2025, State Water Board staff released a draft water quality certification (certification) for Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (Project). Valley Water is proposing the Project to remove and reconstruct Anderson Dam to meet public safety requirements, as well as surrender its existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license exemption for the Anderson Dam Hydroelectric Project and decommission the existing hydroelectric facilities. The public comment period on the draft certification closes on April 30, 2025. Final action on Valley Water's request for certification must take place no later than June 28, 2025. Additional information related to the Project, including the draft certification and notice of availability, can be found at the Project's webpage.

Supply, Demand, and Instream Flows

Scott River and Shasta River Long-term Flows: On March 11, 2025, Division of Water Rights staff released a notice soliciting public input on the scientific, technical, and economic information that should be considered to support the development of an economic analysis and scientific basis reports for baseline minimum flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds. The deadline for submitting additional information was Friday, April 25, 2025.

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)

Planning/Construction Project Summary

The tables below summarize the planning and construction agreements and amendments approved in the month of March 2025.

Drinking Water

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (March 2025)											
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status						
3100038	Heather Glen Community Service District	3110005-009P	Placer County Water Agency	The project will construct a pipeline connecting the HG system to the Weimar Water Company (WWC) system and construct a new storage tank to replace an old undersized redwood storage tank.	\$597,000	At- Risk						
1900520	Smith S. Village Mobile Home Park	1900520-004C	Village Mobile Home Park	The project includes the construction of a new production well and well house, and appurtenances to address arsenic levels in the existing well and reduce arsenic levels below state and federal thresholds.	\$1,215,700	Failing						

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (March 2025)											
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status						
1310008	City of Westmorland	EDWG- 1310008-003C	Westmorland, City of	The project will upgrade the City's water treatment plant to address noncompliance with disinfection.	\$10,519,823	Failing						

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (March 2025)											
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status						
0610002; 0600011	City of Colusa; Del Oro Water Co. - Walnut Ranch	0610002-002C	Colusa, City of	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$367,942; Construction Completion Date from 12/1/2024 to 7/30/2025	Failing; N/A						
610003	Maxwell Public Utility District	0610003-001P	Maxwell Public Utility District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 3/1/2025 to 1/1/2027	Not At-Risk						
2900502	Floriston Water System	2900502-002C	Floriston Property Owners Association, Inc.	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$1,373,007; Construction Completion Date from 6/30/2026 to 6/30/2027	Failing						
5010009	Keys Community Services District	5010009-005C	Keyes Community Services District	Other	Shift funds from DWSRF EC to DWSRF Base PF	Failing						

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (March 2025)											
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status						
5400795	Waukena Elementary School	5400795-001C	Waukena Joint Union Elementary School District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$381,300; Construction Completion Date from 9/1/2025 to 9/1/2026	Failing						
3310003	City of Blythe	D2217032	Blythe, City of	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 12/31/2024 to 6/30/2025	Failing						
5410025	Woodville Public Utility District	D2317010	Woodville Public Utility District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$336,860; Construction Completion Date from 12/30/2024 to 6/30/2025	Failing						
800548	Klamath C.S.D.	D2417005	Yurok Tribe	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 4/30/2025 to 8/31/2026	Not At-Risk						

<u>Clean Water</u>

No new agreements for clean water were executed in March 2025. Amendments are listed below.

	Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended (March 2025)											
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status						
N/A	N/A	8484-110	Point Arena, City of	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2026	N/A						

Administrator Summary

No new administrator agreements or work plans approved in March 2025.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Summary

No new direct O&M projects were approved in March 2025.

Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

No new or amended technical assistance master agreements approved in March 2025.

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 382 public water systems (167 Failing and 81 At-Risk systems) and to 66 wastewater systems. 45.14% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans approved in the month of March 2025.

Work Plan	Work Plan	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project	TA	TA	Total Amount	SAFER	Primary MCL
Type	No.			Description	Provider	Type	Approved	Status	Violation
Work Plan	5243-H	Richgrove CSD,	CA5410024	Consolidation	SHE	DW	\$197,824	Failing	Arsenic; 1,2,3-
Amendment		Rodriguez Labor		project			(\$922		Trichloropropane;
		Camp		resolving			Increase)		Nitrate
				Rodriguez					
				Labor Camp's					
				Nitrate MCL					
				Violation					
Work Plan	6166-E	Ramona MWC	CA3710019	Community	RCAC	DW	\$574,704 (No	Not At-Risk	N/A
Amendment				outreach and			Change)		
				full planning to					
				extend service					
				from Ramona					
				MWD to the					
				Acres					
				Community.					

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	6340-D	Six Acres Water Company/South Cloverdale Water Company	CA4900608	Assistance with a construction application for WW consolidation with the City of Cloverdale	UEI	WW	\$512,324 (No Change)		Groundwater Rule; SWTR
Work Plan Amendment	6369-D	Gabilan Water Company/Middl efield Rd water systems	CA2700586	Full planning for consolidation with Cal Water Salinas	RCAC	DW	\$1,389,461 (No Change)		N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6968-B	Alleghany CWD	CA4600012	Provide engineering and inspection services for repairs on a bolted steel tank.	Coleman	DW	\$137,030 (No Change)		N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7019-B	Tulare County on Behalf of Harrison Road/Ave 266 Residents	No PWSID	Community Outreach to support existing ARPA and Small Community Drought Relief Program project.	SHE	DW	\$13,767 (\$4,572 Increase)	No PWSID	Groundwater Level Depletion

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Work Plan Amendment	7025-B	Echo Valley School WS	CA2700552	Feasibility Study	P&P	DW	\$367,376 (\$281,625 Increase)	Failing	Arsenic; TTHM
Work Plan Amendment	7028-B	California Valley CSD	No PWSID	Feasibility study	CUWA	DW	\$373,353 (\$8,400 Decrease)	No PWSID	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	7056-B	City of Nevada City	CA2910002	Rate Study	RCAC	WW	\$23,333 (No Change)		N/A
New Work Plan	7066-A	Vineyard Avenue Acres	CA5602133	Regional consolidation with Vineyard Avenue Acres, Strickland Acres, and Rio Mesa High School with Ventura County taking over	RCAC	DW	\$1,403,047 (New Work Plan)		Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	7087-C	Vierra Meadows MWC	CA2702003	Feasibility study for short and long term to address a CO	P&P	DW	\$373,547 (\$256,009 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	7093-B	Washington School WS	CA2701412	Regionalization study	Coleman	DW	\$167,637 (No Change)	At-Risk / 2 Not At-Risk / 6 N/A	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7097-B	Andrea Ave	No PWSID (Waste Water)	Assist residents and property	SHE	WW	\$330,480 (\$30,558 Decrease)	(Waste	No PWSID (Waste Water)

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider	TA Type	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation
Турс				owners to perform and complete a community septic system performance survey. Assuming the outreach and survey work indicates an interest in a community sewer solution	Trovider	Турс	Арріочец	Otatus	Violation
New Work Plan	7241-A	Stonegate MHP/Mobile Home Estates	CA4900720	Preliminary Engineering Report	Coleman	DW		2 Failing / Not At-Risk	Manganese
New Work Plan	7272-A	Lake Madrone WD	CA400014	Feasibility Study	GHD	DW	\$145,559 (New Work Plan)	Failing	VOC (Benzene)
Work Plan Amendment	6998-B	Rexland Acres	No PWSID (Waste Water)	Transfer Wastewater work plan from Prop 1, continuing work started in Prop 1 Work Plan	SHE	WW	\$88,758 (\$2 Decrease)		No PWSID (Waste Water)
Work Plan Amendment	6832-B	Burrel Domestic Well Community	No PWSID	Outreach to determine how community	SHE	DW	\$61,795 (\$43,119 Decrease)	No PWSID	Groundwater Level Depletion

Work Plan	Work Plan	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project	TA	TA	Total Amount	SAFER	Primary MCL
Type	No.			Description	Provider	Type	Approved	Status	Violation
				would like					
				address issues					
				such as					
				drought and					
				ground water					
				depletion. Also					
				includes well					
				sounding and					
				sampling					

^{* -} Non-failing system work plan approval on a case-by-case basis.

** TA Providers:

CRWA	California Rural Water Association
CWC	Community Water Center
CWH	Council for Watershed Health
LCJA	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
PUCDC	Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corporation
SHE	Self-Help Enterprises
UEI	University Enterprise, Inc (CSU Sacramento)
CSUSB	University Enterprise (CSU San Bernardino)
P&P	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

^{***} DW = drinking water; WW = wastewater

Other Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program Project Summary (includes Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)

The following SAFER agreements and amendments were approved in March 2025.

	SAFER Program Approved Projects and Amendments (March 2025)									
PWSID	SAFER Status	Recipient	Project Purpose	Funding Amount	Funding Program	Category				
N/A	N/A	Self Help Enterprises	Time extension (1 year) only amendment to SHE's Regional Private Domestic Well Repair/Replacement/Connection Program.	Added: \$0 Total: \$50,153,253	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water	Construction				
N/A	N/A	Self Help Enterprises	Time extension (1 year) and reduction in funding to SHE's Household Solution Program (POE/POU).	Reduced: \$7,000,000 Total: \$7,698,375	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water	Interim Solutions				
4500163	Not-At-Risk	Junction Elementary School District	Replacement of a compressor and flow meter at the pressure tank	\$12,320	Cleanup and Abatement Account	Emergency Repairs				

Emergency Repair Funding Programs

PWSID	SAFER Status	Water System Requesting Assistance	TA Provider	Emergency Type	Project Scope	Total Amount Approved
5400567	Failing	Tooleville Mutual Nonprofit Water Association	SHE	Loss of water or imminent threat thereof	Repairing Morgan Wells pump and installing flow meters at both wells.	\$16,529.94

Funding Provided for Emergency Drought Response

DFA staff continue to coordinate monthly with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on their drought funding. Combined, the State Water Board and DWR are working with 16 counties.

Cleanup and Abatement Account Projects

No requests for Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funding were approved in March 2025.

Schools Grant Programs

Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Oak Valley Union School District	Oak Valley School	Oak Valley School	CA5400713	At-risk; 3-24-25	Access Impaired	1 year	570 students, 82 staff

<u>Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program</u>
The following schools were approved in March 2025:

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Bitterwater Tully Union School District	Bitterwater- Tully School	Hepsedam Water Company	CA3500507	Failing	Renewal	Until 9/1/2025	36
Patterson Joint Unified School District	Grayson Elementary School	Hillsview Homes water system	CA5010007	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	270
Waukena Joint Union Elementary School District	Waukena Joint Union Elementary School	Waukena Elementary School	CA5400795	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	205
Browns Elementary School District	Browns Elementary School	Browns Elementary School	CA5100138	Not-At-Risk	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	175
Ceres Unified School District	Westport Elementary School	Ceres Unified/Westport School	CA5000109	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	438
Kings Canyon Unified School District	Alta Elementary School	Alta Elementary School	CA1000180	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	387
Kings Canyon Unified School District	Riverview Elementary School	Riverview School	CA1000196	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	548
Kings Canyon Unified School District	Kings Canyon High School	Kings Canyon High School	CA1000316	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	148
Warner Unified School District	Warner Junior/Senior High School	Warner Unified School District	CA3701010	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	140

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
	Warner Elementary School	Warner Unified School District	CA3701010	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	150
Burrel Union Elementary School District	Burrel Elementary School,	Burrel Union Elementary School	CA1000182	At-Risk	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	125
Shiloh Elementary School District	Shiloh Elementary School;	Shiloh School District	CA5000295	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	220
	Del Rey Elementary School	Del Rey Community Services District	CA1010035	Failing	Renewal	Until Work Completion date of 2/28/2026	320

<u>University Enterprises Incorporated – PFAS Sampling Program</u>

This program provides technical assistance to water systems for collecting and analyzing drinking water well samples for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at all wells serving disadvantaged communities and severely disadvantaged communities, as required by State Water Board Order DW 2024-0002-DDW. Sampling and analysis services are provided by University Enterprises Incorporated, Office of Water Programs and their partners at no cost to the water systems. All drinking water wells will be sampled at least once. A second round of sampling will be decided by the State Water Board after the first round of sampling is complete. To date, 100% of eligible water systems (1,142 of 1,142) are registered to be sampled and 1,857 wells out of the 3,662 scheduled have been sampled.

Loan and Grants Branch

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (March 2025)									
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status				
3900755	Shady Rest Trailer Court	3900755-001P	Shady Rest Mobile Home Park	The applicant will complete a project report, 90% plans, specifications, estimates, environmental documentation, and an SWRCB DWSRF Construction Funding Application Packages for a selected project that will address the system's water quality and water distribution deficiencies.	\$500,000	Failing				
1510021	City of Wasco	1510021-004C	Wasco, City of	The recipient will upgrade the SCADA system for the addition of these wells. The Project will resolve the City of Wasco's 1,2,3-TCP compliance order and provide overall system reliability.	\$37,945,924	Failing				
2700771; 2700772	Springfield MWC; Struve Rd. WS #02	2700771-001C	Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District	The project addresses emerging contaminants by equipping a new well and constructing two new 110,000-gallon storage tanks, a chlorination system, a pump station, a hydropneumatics tank, and a distribution pipeline.	\$15,000,000	Failing; Failing				
3110006	Placer CWA - Colfax	3110006-001C	Placer County Water Agency	The selected construction project will replace the Colfax Water Treatment Plant in a new location.	\$12,510,000	Not At-Risk				

	Clean Water Funding Agreements Executed (March 2025)									
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status				
N/A	N/A	8692-210	Association of Bay Area Governments	Continue to develop and populate the centralized, collaborative, web-based platform for reporting on the health of the Estuary.	\$1,000,000	N/A				
N/A	N/A	8417-110	Palo Alto, City of	The Advanced Water Purification System (AWPS), with the first phase consisting of 1.125 MGD capacity treatment facilities.	\$56,279,960	N/A				
N/A	N/A	8598-210	Union Sanitary District	The purpose of this project is to increase the Alvarado Wastewater Treatment Plant capacity limits and provide additional treatment to remain in compliance.	\$100,000,000	N/A				
				Stormwater						
N/A	N/A	D2112166	McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency	This Project will increase diversion capacity and recharge the groundwater basin as well as serve as a demonstration project.	\$10,000,000	N/A				

	Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (March 2025)									
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status				
4410010	City of Santa Cruz	4410010-001C	Santa Cruz, City of	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date from 4/30/2025 to 4/30/2026	Potentially At- Risk				
			Groun	dwater						
N/A	N/A	D2012541	San Gabriel Valley Water Company	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding Increase of \$4,935,803; Work Completion Date from 2/1/2026 to 2/1/2029	N/A				
N/A	N/A	D2312550	San Luis Obispo, City of	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$1,174,950; Work Completion Date from 3/1/2026 to 2/1/2027	N/A				

	Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended (March 2025)									
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status				
N/A	N/A	8415-110	Inland Empire Utilities Agency	Time Extension	Completion of Construction from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2026	N/A				
N/A	N/A	8599-110	South Tahoe Public Utility District	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date from 12/31/2024 to 9/30/2025	N/A				
			Water Rec	ycling						
N/A	N/A	8664-110	Los Osos Community Services District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date from 3/10/2025 to 11/15/2025	N/A				
N/A	N/A	8111-110	San Francisco, Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of	Time Extension	Work Completion date from 10/7/2024 to 6/30/2027	N/A				

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Permits

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may impact public health (i.e. a new source of supply, modifying treatment or adding a large distribution reservoir), when the original permit has numerous amendments, or following new regulations or conditions that DDW deems necessary for the protection of public health.

The following 22 permits were entered between March 16, 2025, and April 14, 2025.

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
COACHELLA VWD: COVE COMMUNITY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 5664-1 INACTIVATION
TAHOE CITY PUD - TAHOE SWISS VILLAGE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW OWNERSHIP TSVU - MAIN TO TAHOE CITY PUD
TAHOE CITY PUD - GLENRIDGE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW OWNERSHIP TSVU - GLENRIDGE TO TAHOE CITY PUD
GSWC-SOUTH ARCADIA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW POTABLE WATER STORAGE FACILITY: JEFFRIES RESERVOIR
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE CO - WESTLAKE	FULL PERMIT	FULL PERMIT; ADD EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTIONS
YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IDA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 23 AND WELL 24 INACTIVATION
SIGNAL HILL - CITY, WATER DEPT.	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	TEMPLE RESERVOIR CHLORAMINE BOOSTING SYSTEM
BENNETT RIDGE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	OLD PERMIT NO LONGER REPRESENTATIVE OF SYSTEM
GSWC - CLAREMONT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INDIAN HILL PFAS BLENDING
VIEW CREST LODGE	FULL PERMIT	REFLECTING MONTHLY BACTI MONITORING
YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	TO ADD TANK R-16.2.1
LOS ANGELES CWWD 40 REG 4 & 34 LANCASTER	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHANGE WELL 90 TO STANDBY STATUS
VALLEY VISTA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	NEWLY PERMITTED EXISTING WATER SYSTEM

GRIZZLY FLATS	PERMIT	TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION
COMMUNITY SERVIC	AMENDMENTS	TANK LETTER & MEMO & DOCS
ST. HELENA, CITY OF	FULL PERMIT	OLD PERMIT NO LONGER
		REPRESENTATIVE OF SYSTEM
DWP - FAWNSKIN	PERMIT	BLANKET USE OF
	AMENDMENTS	ALTERNATIVES TO
		WATERWORKS STANDARDS
		FOR SEPARATION DISTANCES
		OF WATER MAINS
SWEETWATER	PERMIT	FLUORIDATION PA
AUTHORITY	AMENDMENTS	
SANTA MARGARITA	PERMIT	760 RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT
WATER DISTRICT-ID9	AMENDMENTS	SYSTEM (RMS)
MARIN MUNICIPAL	FULL PERMIT	OLD PERMIT NO LONGER
WATER DISTRICT		REPRESENTATIVE OF SYSTEM
NPS-GRANT GROVE	FULL PERMIT	NEW PERMIT REFLECTING
		UPDATES TO SYSTEM
SUPER Y MARKET AND	FULL PERMIT	NEW SYSTEM
VILLA MONTE MOTEL		
DIAZ LAKE	FULL PERMIT	DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY
CAMPGROUND		PERMIT 2025 SANITARY SURVEY

Violations & Enforcement Actions

Violations for a water system include whether the system has failed to follow established monitoring and reporting schedules, failed to comply with mandated treatment techniques, violated any Maximum Contaminant Levels, or failed to communicate required information to their customers. Enforcement Actions are used to obtain water system compliance with drinking water requirements to provide a safe and reliable supply of water. The Division of Drinking Water's formal enforcement actions involve the use of statutory authority and include issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented from March 15 and April 14, 2025.

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
ALLUVIAL FUEL INC.	Monitoring	RTCR
		FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
APPLE MARKET TWO	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
BUD FINE MWC	Monitoring	LT2ESWTR
	Treatment	
BURNT RANCH ESTATES	Technique	DBP STAGE 1

CARVER TRACT MUTUAL		FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
WATER COMP	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
CASTERLIN SCHOOL	Monitoring	LCR
CERES UNIFIED/WESTPORT	<u> </u>	
SCHOOL	MCL	NITRATE
CLEARLAKE OAKS COUNTY		
WATER DISTRICT	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
COUNTRYSIDE MOBILE HOME		
PARK	MCL	IRON
DESERT DUNES GOLF CLUB		FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
LTD	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
H & J WATER COMPANY	MCL	IRON
H & J WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	HAA5
H & J WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	TTHM
HALFWAY HOUSE CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
JESS MARTIN COUNTY PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
JESS MARTIN COUNTY PARK	Monitoring	NITRITE
	Treatment	
JUNCTION CITY SCHOOL	Technique	TURBIDITY
		FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
JUNCTION MOTEL	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
L'AZIENDA D'AGOSTINI	Monitoring	RTCR
LEBEC COUNTY WATER		
DISTRICT	MCL	FLUORIDE
LEBEC COUNTY WATER		
DISTRICT	MCL	COMBINED URANIUM
LEBEC COUNTY WATER		
DISTRICT	Monitoring	FLUORIDE
LEBEC COUNTY WATER	N 4 i4i	COMPINED LIDANILINA
DISTRICT	Monitoring	COMBINED URANIUM
LSID - TONYVILLE	Monitoring	LCR
LSID-STRATHMORE SYSTEM	Monitoring	LCR
MANNY WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
MARQUEZ RENTAL	Monitoring	RTCR
MATTOLE ELEMENTARY	N.A	LOD
SCHOOL	Monitoring	LCR
MANUEDIK ELIELING OTATION	D a m =4:	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
MAVERIK FUELING STATION	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
MD 28 RIPPERDAN SELF HELP	Monitoring	RTCR
MD 36 EASTIN ARCOLA	Monitoring	RTCR

MD 37 LA VINA	Monitoring	RTCR
MILL CREEK M.W.C.	Monitoring	LCR
MJUSD DOBBINS SCHOOL	Monitoring	RTCR
MJUSD FOOTHILL	1	
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	Monitoring	LCR
NPS-ASH MOUNTAIN	Monitoring	LCR
PALM SPRINGS AERIAL		FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
TRAMWAY	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT
PEDRICK PRODUCE	MCL	NITRATE
PINE VALLEY TRAILER PARK	MCL	MANGANESE
PINE VALLEY TRAILER PARK	MCL	IRON
PINE VALLEY TRAILER PARK	Monitoring	IRON
PINE VALLEY TRAILER PARK	Monitoring	MANGANESE
PRECISION MUTUAL WATER		VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS
COMPANY	Other	STANDARD
RANCHO SAN ANDREAS	MCL	MANGANESE
RED HILL SALOON	Monitoring	NITRATE
SEYMOUR'S MUTUAL WATER		
SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	ANTIMONY, TOTAL
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	MERCURY
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	ALUMINUM
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	ARSENIC
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	BARIUM
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	SELENIUM
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	NITRITE
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	BERYLLIUM, TOTAL
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	CADMIUM
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	THALLIUM, TOTAL
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	CHROMIUM
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	FLUORIDE
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	NICKEL
SHARONDALE MESA HOA	Monitoring	PERCHLORATE
SIERRA TAHOE GRANDVIEW	Monitoring	RTCR
SIERRA TAHOE WEST BOWL	Monitoring	RTCR
STAGECOACH TRAILS RV	<u> </u>	
RESORT	Monitoring	NITRATE
STONE CREEK WATER	_	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN
COMPANY	Reporting	ANNUAL REPORT

SUNRISE VILLAGE MHP	Monitoring	MANGANESE
SUNRISE VILLAGE MHP	MCL	MANGANESE
TABERNACLE OF PRAISE		
CHURCH	Monitoring	RTCR
TECOPA WATER VENDING		
MACHINE	Monitoring	RTCR
VALLECITO COUNTY PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
WHITETHORN CONSTRUCTION	Monitoring	LCR
WILSONA GARDENS MUTUAL	Monitoring	COLIPHAGE (FOR GWR)
WILSONA GARDENS MUTUAL	Monitoring	RTCR
Total violations	72	

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program

ELAP

The following laboratory accreditations were issued by ELAP between March 15 and April 14, 2025.

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED – 2025				
	March 15, 2025 - April 14, 2025	Year-to-Date		
New Accreditations	1	3		
Renewed Accreditations	21	52		
Reciprocity Accreditations	7	16		
Amended Accreditations	14	47		
Total	27	118		

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for March-April 2025 (on 4/7/2025)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	403	Removed Failing Systems	4

Water Systems Removed from the Failing List between March and April 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
3000618	LIBERTY PARK WATER ASSOCIATION	03/06/2025	ORANGE	72
1510006	EAST NILES CSD	03/19/2025	KERN	32,517
1510019	SHAFTER, CITY OF	03/27/2025	KERN	21,036
2400099	GRACE MENNONITE SCHOOL	3/5/2025	MERCED	100

Water Systems Added to the Failing List in March/April 2025

PWS ID	System Name	ystem Name		Population
0300011	SUTTER PINES MHP	03/10/2025	AMADOR	40
2300755	POTTER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	03/13/2025	MENDOCINO	309
1503341	TEJON CASTAC WD – I5 & LAVAL RD	03/19/2025	KERN	38,125
3701961	PINE VALLEY TRAILER PARK	03/19/2025	SAN DIEGO	200
5800828	COUNTRYSIDE MOBILE HOME PARK	03/19/2025	YUBA	185
4400660	RANCHO SAN ANDREAS	03/21/2025	SANTA CRUZ	200

1710001	CLEARLAKE OAKS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	03/25/2025	LAKE	2,359
3700073	H & J WATER COMPANY	03/26/2025	SAN DIEGO	86
1800523	PINEVIEW MOBILE HOME PARK	04/01/2025	LASSEN	80

Completed Consolidations

The following water system consolidation was completed during April 2025

Name	Туре	Pop.	Conn.	Notes
CWSC				Consolidated to
COUNTRY	Community	621	107	CWSC SALINAS
MEADOWS				

Microplastics in Drinking Water Update

DDW conducted workshops in Southern and Northern California on February 11 and 13, 2025, respectively, to inform industry about the collection of drinking water samples for microplastic analysis. The workshops included:

- An update on DDW's ongoing efforts in response to SB 1422.
- Sample collection methodology training with a hands-on demonstration.
- Microplastic analysis overview on necessary steps for analytical methods (following sample collection) and associated QA/QC procedures.
- Health effects update of potential health risks associated with microplastics.

Key takeaways from the workshops:

- Because microplastics are ubiquitous in the environment, controlling contamination is critical to ensure the quality of the data obtained, hence the proposed sample collection method.
- Highly trained and specialized analysts are required due to the complexity of analytical methods and equipment used for sample collection.
- Several parameters are required to characterize microplastics, including concentration, polymer type, size, shape, surface properties, color, degree of weathering, etc.
- Although microplastics have been detected in various parts of the human body, health effects remain unclear.
- Recognizing that microplastic science is evolving rapidly, these workshops presented the state of science at the time.

On March 31, 2025, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) and its subcontractors completed two projects that aimed at advancing the development of methods to analyze microplastics in water. The projects were commissioned by DDW, and the contract was managed by OIMA (Agreement 19-078-270). Information and deliverables received identified several gaps in the analytical method and DDW is evaluating how to proceed given these gaps.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Update on Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) Fees Stakeholder Process

Staff is planning to hold the following stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2025-26 fees: June 10 – Drinking Water and ELAP and June 11 – Water Quality and Water Rights. Staff is also planning to meet with stakeholders on May 7 to discuss possible changes to the FY 2026-27 Water Quality Certification (WQC) fees. This will be the first of several WQC fee stakeholder meetings.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Related Press Releases

No enforcement press releases at this time.

Other Enforcement Related Updates

No other enforcement related updates at this time.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Carrillo, Raul/ Covelo	Between September 15, 2024 and February 10, 2025, the Dischargers failed to comply with Required Action No. 1 (submit a Cleanup, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan) contained in North Coast Water Board Cleanup and Abatement and Investigative Order No. R1-2024-0034	\$55,335	2/10/2025

ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
3	Ca Dept of Corrections San Luis Obispo/ San Luis Obispo	Discharge of an estimated 50,000 gallons of partially treated domestic/municipal wastewater from the WWTP to Chorro Creek on December 11, 2022, discharge of an estimated 400,200 gallons of filter backwash waste to Chorro Reservoir and Chorro Creek between August 14, 2023, and August 22, 2023, and various effluent violations from May 24, 2023, through May 31, 2024.	\$1,671,605 (\$1,483,605 to the Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) & \$188,000 to Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP))	2/26/2025
4	852 N Knoll LLC/ West Hollywood	Mandatory minimum penalty (MMP) for an exceedance of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for tetrachloroethene (PCE).	\$3,000 (all to CAA)	2/5/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
4	Magic Mountain, LLC (Former Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc)/ Valencia	 MMPs for 46 exceedances of the single sample maximum effluent limit for fecal coliform 50 exceedances of the single sample maximum effluent limit for Escherichia coli (E. coli) Exceedance of the MDEL for total dissolved solids (TDS) 5 exceedances of the MDEL for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) 9 exceedances of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for BOD 6 exceedances of the MDEL for copper 14 exceedances of the MDEL for total suspended solids (TSS) 13 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS 8 exceedances of the AMEL for turbidity 3 exceedances of the AMEL for settleable solids 9 exceedances of the AMEL for settleable solids Exceedance of the AMEL for ammonia Exceedance of the MDEL for total residual chlorine Exceedance of the MDEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate 4 exceedances of the MDEL for chloride 	\$585,000 (MMP - all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Intergulf Development(495 Hartford)LLC/ Los Angeles	 MMPs for Exceedance of both the MDEL and the AMEL for selenium & Late 3rd Quarter 2023 self-monitoring report (SMR) was due on 11/14/2023 and was submitted 150 days late on 4/12/2024. Late 2nd Quarter 2024 SMR was due on 8/14/2024 and was submitted 51 days late on 10/4/2024. 	\$21,000 (MMP – all to the CAA)	2/5/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
4	BARDAS Investment Group/ Los Angeles	 MMPs for Exceedance of the MDEL for TSS Exceedance of the AMEL for TSS Exceedance of the AMEL for turbidity Exceedance of the MDEL for settleable solids Exceedance of the AMEL for settleable solids 	\$15,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Douglas Emmett 2008, LLC/ Beverly Hills	MMPs for • 3 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for copper	\$18,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Donald T. Sterling Corporation/ Los Angeles	MMPs for • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for ammonia • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for ammonia • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for temperature • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD • Exceedance of the MDEL for BOD • Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for pH	\$33,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Westmount Oasis HOA c/o Spectra Associates/ West Hollywood	MMP for an exceedance of the MDEL for PCE.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Douglas Emmett 1997, LLC/ Los Angeles	MMPs for • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • Exceedance of the AMEL for copper	\$9,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	Water Replenishment District/	MMPs for • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for perchlorate • Exceedance of the AMEL for BOD • Exceedance of the MDEL for BOD	\$12,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	639 La Peer, LLC/ West Hollywood	MMPs for • Late 2 nd Quarter 2022 SMR was due on 8/14/2022 and was submitted 74 days late on 10/27/2022.	\$57,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
		 Late 3rd Quarter 2022 SMR was due on 11/14/2022 and was submitted 297 days late on 9/7/2023. Late 2nd Quarter 2023 SMR was due on 8/14/2023 and was submitted 245 days late on 4/15/2024. 		
4	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc./ Vernon	MMPs for • Exceedance of the MDEL for selenium • Exceedance of the MDEL for zinc • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin (TCDD)	\$12,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	8833 Cynthia, LLC/ West Hollywood	MMPs for • Exceedance of the MDEL for BOD • Exceedance of the AMEL for BOD	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/5/2025
4	960 North Doheny Homeowners Association/ West	MMP for exceedance of the MDEL for oil and grease	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/20/2025
4	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority/ Los Angeles	MMP for exceedance of the MDEL for PCE	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	2/20/2025
5R	American Valley CSD/ Quincy	 MMPs for 26 exceedances of the 1-hour maximum effluent limit for total residual chlorine 4 exceedances of the 4-day maximum for total residual chlorine 3 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform 14 exceedances of the AMEL for copper 7 exceedances of the MDEL for copper 4 exceedances of the percent survival effluent limit for acute toxicity 	\$264,000 (MMP – all to compliance project (CP))	2/21/2025

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
		 Exceedance of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for BOD Exceedance of the AMEL for BOD 2 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS Exceedance of the AWEL for TSS Exceedance of the percent removal effluent limit for TSS 12 exceedances of the AWEL for ammonia 12 exceedances of the AMEL for ammonia Exceedance of the instantaneous minimum effluent limit for pH 		

Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/City Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required		Date Issued
2	2 Z-Con Specialty Service, Inc./ San Jose Inc./ San		2/6/2025
2			2/21/2025
4			2/20/2025
58			2/14/2025
8			2/19/2025

	8	Corporate Ewaste Solutions/ Brea	13383 Order for failure to submit a WQBCA plan addressing sampling results above the NELs in the 2023-2024 reporting year.	2/19/2025	
		13383 Order for failure to submit a WQBCA plan addressing sampling results above the NELs in the 2023-2024 reporting year. (Extension granted until 04/03/25)	2/19/2025		
	9	U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission/ San Diego	13267 Directive related to non-compliance at Hollister Street Pump Station and the Goat Canyon and Smuggler's Gulch Canyon Collectors.	2/18/2025	

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region Discharger/City		Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
6Т	David and Kathleen Barnett, CAD Enterprises, Inc., CAMCO, B O T, 65 Inc., and Lightnin II, Inc./ South Lake Tahoe	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R6-2025-0006 requiring the submittal of technical reports including a conceptual site model, investigation work plan, risk assessment, and remedial actions for the former Big O Tires located at 1961 Lake Tahoe Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe.	2/28/2025
6Т	Trestle South Tahoe LLC Et. Al./ South Lake Tahoe	CAO R6-2025-0005 requiring the submittal of technical reports including a conceptual site model, investigation work plan, risk assessment, and remedial actions for the former Norma's Cleaners located at 961 Emerald Bay Road in South Lake Tahoe.	2/28/2025

Other Enforcement Actions Taken

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued
1	4	5S	53
2	7	6T	2
3	0	6V	1
4	77	7	0
5F	15	8	28
5R	3	9	37

OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS and the CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

FHAB Program: Remote Sensing Report and Tool

The Water Boards Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Program has recently published a Remote Sensing Technical Report in contract with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) to provide guidance on standardized protocols for processing remote sensed data for assessing HABs in California's largest waterbodies. This was informed by a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of experts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the MSU/NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Satellite imagery is a powerful tool that can enhance the monitoring and assessment of many of the larger lakes, reservoirs, and estuaries in California. This guidance focuses on chlorophyll-a and cyanobacterial biomass and provides consistent and high-quality data processing to quantify near surface, open water blooms based on their intensity and duration (magnitude), temporal patterns (frequency and occurrence), or spatial characteristics (spatial extent). The technical report can be found: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/swamp/docs/2025/ca-satellitetech-report-2025.pdf

The standardized processing guidance from this report was used to inform a new interactive tool that uses Sentinel-3 satellite data to evaluate regions and waterbodies for status and trends of cyanobacteria HABs based on magnitude, frequency, occurrence, and spatial extent. This is the first opportunity to visualize status and trends of cyanobacteria HABs across the state and the tool is publicly available at: sccwrp.shinyapps.io/HABsRemoteSensing/. The FHAB Program invites the public to explore the tool to learn more about status and trends of cyanobacteria harmful algal blooms in their region and site-specific waterbodies. All graphical information is downloadable. For any questions, please reach out to cyanoHAB.reports@waterboards.ca.gov.

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

The response rate for the **February 2025** Urban Water Conservation Report is 90% as of the writing of this report (365 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 103 billion gallons (316 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide residential gallons per capita per day (GPCD) for February 2025 is 71 GPCD.

For March 2025, we received 95 water waste reports through the <u>Save Water</u> site.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of April 11, 2025)

The State Water Board is considering whether to grant review of the following current active petitions for review of regional water quality control board actions or failures to act in accordance with Water Code section 13320. These petitions for review will be dismissed by operation of law if (1) the State Water Board does not issue a letter granting review or (2) the State Water Board does not receive a written request from the petitioner that the petition be held in abeyance, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the corresponding deadline. Any exhibits identified in the petitions are available upon request by emailing waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov.

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
<u>A-2898(a)</u>	Petition of Guhn Y. Kim, Yun Soon Kim and The Kim Family Trust of 2017 for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2025-0014 for 1654 and 1718 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, San Diego County; Issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board	2/4/2025	5/5/2025
<u>A-2898(b)</u>	Petition of M & E Brothers, LLC and Flor de Lys Barawid for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2025-0014 for 1654 and 1718 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, San Diego County; Issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board	2/21/2025	5/22/2025
<u>A-2904</u>	Petition of The Toshio Takano and Kun Pou Takano Trust for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order No. R4-2025-0017 for 1001 South Mountain Avenue, Monrovia, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	4/4/2025	7/3/2025

<u>A-2905</u>	Petition of 1005 Mountain LLC for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order No. R4-2025-0018 for 1005 South Mountain Avenue, Monrovia, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	4/4/2025	7/3/2025
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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

On February 27, 2025, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) determined the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Pleasant Valley Subbasin in Fresno County was inadequate. On March 14, 2025, DWR referred the basin to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for state intervention under Chapter 11 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Pleasant Valley Subbasin followed the other six basins already referred to the board by about two years, because there is a difference of two years for SGMA implementation for non-critically overdrafted subbasins. State Water Board staff will be evaluating the GSP to determine next steps.

On April 15, 2025, State Water Board staff presented an informational item to the board discussing SGMA overview, a status of the seven basins referred to the State Water Board, themes in reviewing the GSPs, tools for reporting, and a shift from GSP review to developing interim plans and implementation. Staff also discussed fees and potential options for additional categories of exclusions. Staff is developing those options and will begin small group discussions to get initial feedback in April 2025. Staff anticipates broad outreach to begin in June 2025.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(Submits Quarterly)

SAFER Advisory Group

The SAFER Advisory Group convened on March 13, 2025. Meeting topics included a discussion on SAFER Advisory Group roles and responsibilities, the Community Partner pilot effort, point of use/point of entry pilot effort, and SAFER program updates for 2024.

Northern Tulare County Regional Drinking Water Solutions Project

This project aims to explore and evaluate potential long-term drinking water solutions and governing options for a sustainable regional approach to serve the seven neighboring communities of Cutler, East Orosi, Monson, Orosi, Seville, Sultana, and Yettem. These communities are served by Cutler Public Utility District, Sultana Community Services District, Orosi Public Utility District, Yettem-Seville Community Services District, and East Orosi Community Services District. This project has the potential to successfully address existing water quality concerns in this region, mitigate potential future water challenges, and enable capacity for future development and growth. After a previous attempt at regionalization did not move forward, the Water Board sees this project as a timely opportunity to take advantage of funding options and community momentum to resolve each community's concerns while enhancing the resiliency and cohesion of the entire region. In February 2025, Water Board staff hosted a community meeting to address these project aims with these communities. This milestone meeting marked the first time that representatives from each of these boards met alongside residents from their communities for this project. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs continued outreach with these communities to build support for the project, identify needs and barriers, provide information on technical solutions and governance options, and collectively develop a vision for the region. This outreach included attendance at each local water district board meeting as well as regular touch points with community members.

San Lucas Community Drinking Water Solution

In March 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs facilitated a community meeting to provide the San Lucas County Water District and the San Lucas residents it serves with further guidance on potential solutions to resolve their water quality concerns regarding nitrate contaminants and aesthetic contaminants, including iron and manganese. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs held this meeting in partnership with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Division of Drinking Water, and the Division of Financial Assistance as part of the SAFER program-funded technical assistance the Water Boards are providing to the San Lucas County Water District. The meeting outlined concrete differences between the potential water solutions being considered, the Water Boards' recommendations based on the final engineering report, and next steps the San Lucas County Water District's board can take to select a preferred solution and pursue funding for a long-term sustainable water quality solution within their community. The meeting also addressed questions and public comments directly from the public as this

community in Monterey County is weighing potential options to resolve their water quality concerns.

Assembly Bill 2454 – Rental Property Domestic Well Testing Requirements

In December 2024, California Legislature passed AB 2454. This bill requires domestic well owners whose wells serve rental properties, to test their well's water quality if it is located within the program boundaries of a free testing program funded or regulated by the State Water Board and/or a Regional Water Board. In January, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs published a webpage describing these new requirements. The webpage includes a directory of well-testing programs funded or regulated by the State Water Board and/or a Regional Water Board with contact information, geographic service area, and application requirements. The webpage also includes information on maintaining water wells, groundwater education, and common water contaminants.

Sustainable Groundwater Management

In 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) found local groundwater sustainability plans inadequate in six groundwater subbasins under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act's (SGMA) sustainability requirements. DWR found plans for a seventh groundwater subbasin to be inadequate in February 2025. These subbasins have been referred to the State Water Board for possible probation. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs continues coordinating outreach and engagement, leading to potential probationary hearings in each subbasin. The State Water Board held a probationary hearing for the Kern County subbasin on February 20, 2025. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal affairs coordinated Spanish and Punjabi language interpretation for the hearing and worked closely with community-based organizations to facilitate remote participation for a community panel and public commenters. The Board voted to continue the hearing to September 17, 2025, giving local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies more time to deepen engagement with interested parties and address issues with their plans before the Board makes a decision on probationary status.

Racial Equity Action Plan Annual Update

On March 4, 2025, Water Boards staff presented to the Board on the annual update on the Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP). Presenters from nearly all major divisions and offices summarized progress made on the REAP actions and other efforts to incorporate racial equity into their work. Meaningful discussion and comments followed the presentation.

Of the 53 actions in the plan, 30 are complete, 21 are in progress, and just two have not been started or were in the scoping phase at the end of 2024. Other highlights presented by the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs include:

 The transition from the Office of Public Participation to the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs

- Collaboration efforts with the Office of Information Management and Analysis to create data resources outlined in the Racial Equity Data Action Plan
- Updates from the Workforce Equity and Inclusion program, including revisions to the Advancing Racial Equity training, the importance and educational value of the monthly Racial Equity Support Lunches, and the development of the Welcoming Equity into the Workplace training for supervisors.

Language Access: Oral Interpretation Services

Between January and March 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs provided 20 interpretation services for state and regional water board meetings and conversations between staff and members of the public. Programs and projects that utilized interpretation services include SAFER Drinking Water, Sustainable Groundwater Management, Environmental Justice, Site Clean-up, and Drought Hotline.

18 interpretation services were provided in Spanish, 1 in Mandarin and 1 in Punjabi.

Language Access: Written Translation of Documents

Between January and March 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs delivered 115 translations of written documents for various regional water boards, divisions, and offices. The translations included documents, presentations, and compliance letters. Programs and projects that utilized translation services include Site Clean-up, Sustainable Groundwater Management, Enforcement, SAFER Drinking Water, Environmental Justice, Racial Equity Action Plan, Ocean Standards, Basin Plan, Irrigated Lands, Salton Sea, Delta Conveyance, Southern Agricultural Unit, Underground Storage Tank Program, Drought Planning Unit, Cannabis Regulation And Enforcement Unit, Groundwater Permitting, Oil and Gas Unit, Waste Water Operator Certification, Waste Discharge Requirements, Water Quality Standards, Westside San Joaquin Watershed Coalition, and Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Water Program. These translations were provided in a total of 5 languages to meet the community needs: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Hmong (white), Punjabi, and Mandarin.

Annual California Tribal Nations Summit

On Monday, March 24, 2025, the State Water Board Chair, Tribal Liaison and Tribal Affairs Program Manager participated in the annual California Tribal Nations Summit. This event fulfills the Governors' promise to tribal leaders, to hold high level decisionmaker to decisionmaker meetings between tribal and state leaders modeled after the White House Tribal Nations Summit. The main goals of the Summit are to provide tribal leaders with an opportunity to engage with administration leaders on issues of high mutual importance, set high level cross agency priorities, and educate the administration on California tribal nations. This event is limited to dually elected officials of California tribal government and executive officials of the administration. The Tribal Liaison and Tribal Affairs Program Manager had the opportunity to discuss program highlights and services with tribal leaders who came to the Water Boards outreach booth.

Revision of Tribal Consultation Policy & Creation of Tribal Consultation and Engagement Protocol

In January 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board initiated a revision of its Tribal Consultation Policy and the development of a new Tribal Consultation and Engagement Protocol. Since the original Tribal Consultation Policy was established in 2019, several new directives such as executive orders, Senate and Assembly bills, and Water Boards resolutions have further clarified how state agencies, including the Water Boards, are expected to engage and consult with California Native American tribes.

The revised Tribal Consultation Policy aims to incorporate updated guidance on staff roles and responsibilities, timelines, notification procedures, and communication requirements. In addition to changes driven by legal mandates and consultation protocols, the revisions will also include considerations around cultural humility, traditional ecological knowledge, and tribal data sovereignty.

Early tribal consultation notification was issued to all California Native American tribes on February 10, 2025, with the early consultation period concluding on March 24, 2025. During this time, the Water Boards received requests for consultation from seven tribes including United Auburn Indian Community, Mooretown Rancheria, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe, Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation-Belardes, Colusa Indian Community Council, and Bishop Paiute Tribe. As of this report, four consultations have been completed, two tribes opted to submit written comments, and one consultation remains in progress.

Currently, both the Tribal Consultation Policy and Tribal Consultation and Engagement Protocol are in draft form. Feedback received during the early tribal consultation period is under review and will be considered for inclusion in the documents. We anticipate releasing the draft documents in summer 2025, at which point we will begin a second tribal consultation period, open a public comment period, conduct tribal-specific workshops, and present the draft documents to the State Water Board. The revised policy and protocol are expected to be finalized and presented to the Board for consideration in early 2026.

IRRIGATED REGULATORY LAND PROGRAM Appendix A April 2025

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of March 2025; and the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) from February 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025. Next month's report will discuss activities of the Central Valley Regional Water Board's recent program activities and up to date data on compliance and outreach activities.

State Water Board staff hosted a Fees Stakeholder meeting on March 6, 2025. Fees staff provided an update on potential fee changes for FY25-26 and received public comment. The next Fee Stakeholder meeting will be held on June 11, 2025.

Staff continued work with California State University, Sacramento, to convene an expert panel, as discussed in Order No. WQ 2023-0081, *In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040*. The panel selection process is underway, with the first public meeting expected to be held in late May or early June. Staff is encouraging the public to sign up for the email list located on <u>Agriculture</u> webpage, which will distribute panel updates and information on public meetings.

State Water Board staff continued coordination with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) contractor on the <u>CDFA regulatory alignment study</u>. By November 2025, a report will be presented detailing the final regulatory alignment recommendations.

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board staff coordinated with enrollees and the local Farm Bureau fee collection groups to identify responsible parties and inform them about the option to participate in fee collection groups. Staff also worked to update invoice information and ensure that invoices are issued to the appropriate parties.

Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff regularly met with the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) and their consultants to discuss implementation and the next steps for Order No. R4-2023-0353, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Agricultural Lands Within The Los Angeles Region. Staff also met with the Los Angeles Irrigated Lands Group (LAILG) to discuss implementation and next steps for the Los Angeles Agricultural Order, particularly for compliance with the Ground Water Monitoring Trend requirements.

Staff attended a VCAILG workshop in Oxnard on March 10, 2025. The workshop focused on Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) compliance requirements of the Los Angeles Agricultural Order. Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff answered several

questions from the public. Staff also held "office hours" at the local Farm Bureau so individual growers could ask parcel-specific questions on TMDL compliance.

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board's Imperial Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition (IVILC) in conjunction with the Imperial Valley Farm Bureau held the 3rd annual Imperial Valley AG Tour on March 20, 2025. Staff conducted outreach with IVILC members, Imperial Irrigation District staff, local government staff, and congressional delegations in attendance.

On March 1, 2025, Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board received the Annual Monitoring Report for Imperial Irrigation District's Selenium Study. Staff gave direction for completion of a final report.

Santa Ana Regional Water Board's Western Riverside County Agricultural Coalition (WRCAC) hosted an educational webinar on February 12, 2025, to assist enrollees in meeting the annual education requirements of the Santa Ana Regional Water Board's Order No. R8-2023-0006, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Lands in the San Jacinto River Watershed, Riverside County (Santa Ana Agricultural Order). The webinar provided attendees with analysis of how changes to best management practices affected Water Quality Index Agriculture Tool (WQlag) scores and impact water quality, and how the WQlag data interfaces with Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDLs. The webinar was attended by approximately 20 representatives of agricultural operations in the San Jacinto River watershed and lasted approximately two hours. WRCAC hosted a second webinar on March 20, 2025, with the same content as the February webinar, and was attended by an additional three operators. The webinars were approved by the Santa Ana Regional Water Board's Executive Officer on September 10, 2024, to meet the educational events requirements within the Santa Ana Agricultural Order and count for up to two hours of educational credit for attendees.

San Diego Regional Water Board underwent reorganization, and the program has been transferred to the Agriculture and Waste Management Unit.

There were no significant program updates reported in the **North Coast, Central Coast,** and **Lahontan Regional Water Board** regions from February 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025.